

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed November 30, 2004. In order to advance prosecution of the present Application, Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, and 17 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Zisapel, et al. Independent Claims 1, 13, and 17 recite in general the ability for a load balancer to provide identifying information associated with a gateway being managed by the load balancer to a client terminal. By contrast, the Zisapel, et al. patent merely provides its 26 with identity information associated with only a load balancer in its system. Thus, the Zisapel, et al. patent fails to provide a client with identity information associated with an underlying gateway being managed by a load balancer as provided by the claimed invention. Support for the above recitation can be found at page 8, lines 7-18, of Applicant's specification. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-20 are not anticipated by the Zisapel, et al. patent.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

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